



Colorado Liberty

IRS Agents Terrorize Townspeople in Craig

by John S. Pleasant

On May 12, 1981, some 26 armed IRS agents invaded the town of Craig, Colorado, for the purpose of collecting money that certain people supposedly owed the government for taxes.

To accomplish that purpose, they placed garnishments, called levies, against the wages of an unknown number of people, leaving those people \$50.00 a week on which to live. Some of these people had bank accounts, checking and savings, that also were taken.

The IRS agents filed well over 30 liens against property; some five of these were approved for immediate seizure and sale.

In order to do this seizing, they threatened the county sheriff, an elected official, with criminal prosecution and possible physical harm to keep him from interfering. The seizures were carried out by groups of six or more agents, using abusive language and openly flaunting their weapons.

All or nearly all of the persons affected by these Gestapo-like actions have been involved in a peaceful political attempt to change the tax laws, and in judicial challenges to the IRS authority. Several of the affected people had, at the time of these seizures, active lawsuits in U.S. District Court seeking refunds of taxes already paid.

One member of the group, an elderly woman, was visited by an IRS agent who, in the presence of her daughter, demanded information and returns, and told her he

have happened in Nazi Germany and in many Soviet-dominated countries. But who would have believed they could happen here? Yet, happen they did.

On July 3, a number of the individuals who were victimized by these IRS tactics held a press conference in Craig to tell of their plight and to state their plans for the future. The following are excerpts from their remarks.

"The purpose of calling you here today is to tell you that we do not intend to let them continue. The danger to ourselves, our families and our nation can no longer be ignored or tolerated.

"We are members of a national association, the National Commodity and Barter Association. Through our local, state and national members, we are going to immediately take steps to see that this monster, the IRS, is brought down and destroyed.

"We will begin a local campaign today, to replace our Sheriff, who has shown he has no interest in protecting the rights of the citizens of this County. None of the levies or seizures were done under a Court Order or Warrant, in flagrant violation of the 4th and 5th Amendments to the Constitution. The Sheriff could have stopped this illegal activity, as he has the power to do, by refusing to allow it without the required Orders and Warrants.

"To stand by and allow the citizens of this County to be terrorized by armed thugs in defiance of the law is an act of cowardice so gross that it defies description.



Dick Randolph

Dick Randolph Seeks Alaska Governor's Post

by Eric O'Keefe

Libertarian Legislator Dick Randolph is running for Governor of Alaska! He announced his candidacy to more than 250 enthusiastic supporters at the Alaska Libertarian Party convention in Fairbanks in early May. While making his early declaration for the 1982 election, Randolph made it clear that he would not be running unless he thought he had a serious chance of winning.

In a 1978 victory, Randolph became the first Libertarian Legislator in the country. In 1980, he was re-elected with more votes than any other legislative candidate in the state, and he was joined in the Legislature by Libertarian Ken Fanning.

The repeal of the state personal income

Falwell Wins "Turkey Poll" At People's Fair

On May 30 and 31, as in years past, the Libertarian Party had a booth at the annual Capitol Hill People's Fair, held each Spring at East High School in Denver.

And, as has become a tradition, the LP conducted a "political unpopularity poll," in which passers-by could select the "biggest turkey" from a flock of six contenders. Those who chose to participate did so by dropping money into a milk bottle positioned under a likeness of their choice.

This year's poll netted a total of \$169.30 for the LP, with the largest sum (\$53.76, or almost 1/3) donated in "honor" of fundamentalist minister Jerry Falwell.

The other choices offered, and the sums they garnered, were as follows: 1978 poll winner Phyllis Schlafly (\$41.04); State Senator Sam "The Sham" Zakhem (\$30.57); Alexander Haig (\$26.10); Teddy Kennedy (\$10.03); Ted Strickland (\$7.80).

CLP State Chair Ruth Bennett wrote to Falwell after the event, thanking him for his "unknowing assistance" in the effort. To date, Falwell has not replied.

CLP Membership Directory To Be Published

The CLP's new constitution requires semi-annual publication of the membership list in directory form, to aid communication between affiliates and individual members. Publication will be in

the presence of her daughter, demanded information and returns, and told her he had the authority to use whatever force, up to and including "shooting her", that was necessary to get her compliance.

Another member of the group, a woman who is five months pregnant, had her car seized by six armed agents on a downtown street, stranding her in 92° heat at mid-day, miles from her home, which had already been seized in her absence.

These are the kind of things we know to

denance of the law is an act of cowardice so gross that it defies description.

"We will begin today, with other members of this Association, to canvass our State and National Congressmen and Senators. Any one of them who will not immediately and forthrightly act to bring the IRS to heel will not return to another term of office.

"We will begin today to secure legislation necessary to regain electoral control of our judges. They must be made ac-

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National Convention Approaching

More than one thousand Libertarians from around the country are expected to gather for the Party's Tenth Anniversary Convention in Denver, August 26-30. The Convention Committee has extended an invitation to all interested people to attend this historic event. The Convention will combine business, celebration, reviews of the party's past ten years, and a look at prospects for the next ten years.

Libertarian national conventions have always been exciting, educational events. But many factors combine to make this the most extraordinary convention yet. This is the first national convention since the one which nominated Ed Clark for President, way back in September of 1979. It will probably be the last convention until the nominating convention for the 1984 presidential race. The convention offers a chance to see and hear the people who built the Libertarian Party from an idea into America's third party. It offers a chance to participate in debates on additions to the party's radical, no-nonsense platform.

Interesting and controversial proposals for the Constitution and By-laws will be discussed — questions like: When should the next Presidential Nominating Convention be held — in the late summer of 1983 (leaving more time for ballot drives) or in the spring of 1984 (when the primary season focuses public attention on presidential politicking)?

Also, panels will be held with leading specialists discussing crucial issues.

Congressman Ron Paul and professor Earl Ravenal will discuss "Defense and Foreign Policy". David Koch, Chris Hocker, Tonie Nathan, Bill Evers, and Dave Walter will discuss "Lessons of 1980". Other panel topics include the draft, resources and the environment, civil liberties, and "Gold, Paper and War".

A Tenth Anniversary Banquet on Saturday night will highlight the convention. Leading candidates, officers, and others from the party's first ten years will be recognized and asked to address the crowd. A reception honoring past presidential candidates — Ed Clark, Roger MacBride, and John Hospers — will be held on Friday night.

Political skills workshops will be held on Friday and Saturday, featuring leading Libertarian campaigners and activists from around the country.

The business session will conclude with the elections of officers and a new National Committee on Sunday. These elections are very important for the future of the party, and the many campaigns will add interest and excitement to the entire convention. The many candidate hospitality suites, along with suites hosted by leading Libertarian organizations, provide informal settings for talking with the leading candidates, activists, and writers in the party, until the wee hours of the morning.

For more information, contact the LP/10 Committee, 1041 Cherokee Street, Denver, Colorado 80204. Phone 595-0222.

state, and he was joined in the Legislature by Libertarian Ken Fanning.

The repeal of the state personal income tax in mid-1980 capped an 18 month Randolph-led effort. When the Legislature refused to pass Randolph's measure to repeal the tax, he led a successful petition drive to place the issue on the ballot. In a move of questionable legality, the state threatened to withdraw the referendum from the ballot. But as the 1980 election approached, Legislators finally got the message and passed a law repealing the tax. This successful income tax repeal effort helped to make Randolph one of the best known and most popular political leaders in Alaska.

In 1981, Randolph is continuing to provide Libertarian leadership on a broad range of issues. One of his primary goals is to promote the "Tundra Rebellion" — Alaska's version of the Sagebrush Rebellion — an effort to wrest control of Alaskan land and resources from the federal government (which claims ownership of over 90% of Alaska). He wants to lead this rebellion to its logical, Libertarian conclusion — ownership of all of Alaska's land and resources by the people instead of the state.

Dick Randolph's campaign for governor could be the most important Libertarian Party development in 1982 — or even in the Party's entire history.

Editor's Note: A group of Randolph supporters called Individuals for Randolph is of-

fering a \$5,000 "reward" to anyone who can locate a fundraiser who will raise \$500,000 for the Randolph campaign. The reward will be paid when the fundraiser has raised the first \$250,000. For more information (or to apply for the fundraising position) contact Steve DeLisio, 5120 Shorecrest Drive, Anchorage, AK 99502. Home Phone: (907) 243-5521.

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From the Chair

by Ruth Bennett

I would like to start off my first *From the Chair* column by thanking all of you who encouraged and supported my candidacy for State Chair. I have many ideas which I hope will continue the growth the Colorado Libertarian Party has shown throughout its history. I would also like to extend a special thank you to John Mason for the superior job he has done the past two years as State Chair. I also thank John for the help he has given me during this transition.

By the end of my term as State Chair I would like to see viable county organizations in every Colorado county. One purpose of a state party is to aid the development of county and local parties. We now have five new Board of Directors members and I will be urging them to help county affiliates to organize and expand. If we are going to get a Libertarian elected in Colorado (and I'm positive that that time is at hand) it will most likely be on the local or county level.

As State Chair my view must be statewide. There are some things which the state party can more effectively do. Among these things is providing a clearinghouse for information or acting as a focal point for statewide campaigns. To

do these things we need to have a CLP headquarters.

Presently the office is being used as the center of operations for LP/10, the Libertarian Party National Convention, in addition to the headquarters for the CLP. Because the office has been opened and manned we have received newspaper, TV and radio coverage that we would never have received otherwise. We need volunteers to keep the office open. Last year we were successful all summer and fall having volunteers do the necessary tasks to keep things operating. If you have a few hours a week to help out please give me a call at 573-5229.

There are also a variety of maintenance tasks that need to be done around the office. Such things as re-doing the hardwood floors, mowing the lawn, helping set up the library, painting, need to be done. If you don't have funds to make a monthly pledge how about pitching in a little elbow grease? Please call me at the office if you can help out.

I look forward to working with the new Board of Directors. Anyone is welcome at any of our meetings. We are soliciting ideas for outreach, fundraising and anything else which will enable us to grow and teach people about libertarian principles.

1981 CLP Convention Draws 100 Participants

Those who didn't come to Fort Collins Memorial Day weekend missed a very enjoyable, productive 1981 CLP convention. Over 100 people did turn out for part or all of the convention activities.

The highlights of the convention were undoubtedly the well-attended addresses by Karl Hess and Vernon Brown, as well as the lively debate between Dave Nolan and L. Neil Smith.

In addition to his rousing (and amusing) speech, Hess also came armed with the

introduced dealing with police powers, was also adopted, although it led to high-energy debate.

When the dust had settled, the platform had been lengthened substantially, the National Statement of Principles had been substituted for the existing Introduction, and, on the Committee's recommendation, the Strategy Statement previously endorsed by the National Committee was also adopted.

Sunday night's costume party provided

Colorado Libertarian Calendar

1st and 3rd Wednesday every month: Discussion group, 7:30 p.m., Party office, 1041 Cherokee, Denver, 573-5229.

2nd Wednesday every month: CLP Cocktail Party, 7:30 p.m., Party office, 1041 Cherokee, Denver. Relaxed, informal. Cash bar.

4th Wednesday every month: CLP Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Party office, 1041 Cherokee, Denver.

1st Wednesday every month: Boulder County Libertarian Association meeting, 7:30 p.m., Capitol Federal Savings Building, 1913 Broadway, Boulder.

July 8 CLP Cocktail Party — 7:30 p.m. at HQ, 1041 Cherokee, Denver.

July 15 Discussion Group at HQ — Wilderness Management and National Parks — 7:30 p.m.

July 23 Park County LP Discussion Group — Call Phil Prosser for time, place and topic. 838-7693

July 24 Deadline for Aug.-Sept. *Colorado Liberty*.

Aug. 5 Discussion Group — CLP HQ — 7:30 p.m. — Public vs. Private ownership of Highways and By-ways.

Aug. 12 CLP Cocktail Party — cash bar — 7:30 p.m. at HQ.

Aug. 19 Discussion Group at HQ — 7:30 p.m. — From here to there: Implementing Liberty.

Aug. 26-30 LP/10 — National Convention, the Denver Hilton.

If you would like to have meetings of your county or local Libertarian organization listed or if you know of any happenings which might be of general interest to Libertarians please write to *Colorado Liberty*, c/o Colorado Libertarian Party, 1041 Cherokee, Denver, CO 80204.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL COLORADO LIBERTY ISSUE PLANNED

You may have noticed that this issue of *Colorado Liberty* is a bit late. You may also have noticed that it's not the most exciting issue we've ever published; like the previous edition, it is filled mostly with nitty-gritty internal party information. Necessary, but a bit dull. Well, cheer up! Our next issue (August-September) will be one of our best ever! It will be distributed at the upcoming national convention, and we plan to make it a real "showcase" edition. We plan to include a wide variety of material, and if you have something you'd like included, be sure to have it in to the CLP Office by no later than July 24th. Direct all items (editorial copy and advertising material) to the attention of

whatever. For more information or if you would like to help out please call the office, 573-5229.

PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY COURSE OFFERED

A seven week course entitled "Principles of Liberty" will be offered by the Colorado Libertarian Party beginning the week of July 27. The course is based on a series of position papers from the Society for Individual Liberty (SIL) and will emphasize the fundamental principles and philosophy of libertarianism. The format will be similar to the discussion groups that have been regularly conducted over the past year, with assigned reading of from five to six short position papers per session. Cost of the course is \$4.00 per

In addition to his rousing (and amusing) speech, Hess also came armed with the Academy award-winning film about himself, "Karl Hess, Toward Liberty". It was a stimulating introduction to his surprising life for the many new faces who were there to watch it Saturday Night.

In his no-nonsense keynote address, Brown warned of several different pitfalls he sees confronting the LP now, and counseled developing a much higher degree of practical political expertise. A successful advertising man, former Republican, and now advisor to the national LP on minority outreach, Brown sprinkled many amusing anecdotes into his serious remarks, and was well-received.

Business began on Saturday morning. Almost unanimously, the convention overturned an earlier decision of the Board of Directors to require membership 30 days in advance of the convention to vote on the floor. Next, the officers delivered their reports on a generally successful year — so successful that it must have worn them out, since almost the entire Board declined to seek re-election!

Following an informative talk by Lou Witzman of Arizona's Rural Metro fire company, Constitution and By-Laws changes were taken up, lasting into Sunday morning. In a surprising turn of events, the most controversial part of the Committee report, proxy voting — which had produced not one, but two minority reports — sparked a debate which ended in no change at all being made to the existing rules.

The most important change adopted was undoubtedly the new provision for Congressional District representation both on the Board of Directors, and in our National Convention delegation. Overall, the whole session proceeded very smoothly, with obviously competent participation by an encouraging large number of people.

Platform debate was also lively (and also lasted into the next day). About three-fourths of the twenty planks turned out by the Committee were adopted with little or no change. Major controversy erupted over the Free Market Zones plank, which was eventually passed with substantial re-writing, and the Equal Rights plank, from which strong language supporting children's rights was deleted before passage. One of two minority reports in-

also adopted.

Sunday night's costume party provided a great break from serious business, and featured such sights as: Dave Nolan as L. Neil Smith (complete with sidearm); L. Neil Smith dressed up as Ed Crane; "Alicia Clark" (M. L. Hanson) endorsing John Mason for National Chair; a rather tall, but convincing, M. L. Hanson (Beth Sennett); a walking vegetable (Murray Rothbean); and a cameo appearance by the Statue of Liberty (Jan Prince).

The last of the business, Monday morning, was elections. John Mason's dramatically-revealed "X-Chair, '79-'81" T-shirt was a real hit, and outgoing Chair Mason was giving a standing ovation for his two demanding years as the Party's head. The only contested position on the new Board was that of Communications and Education Director, which saw extensive questions from the floor for winner Linda Kaiser of Vail and Cathy Rupp of Fort Collins.

After brief Congressional District Caucuses, twelve at-large delegates to the upcoming National LP Convention were selected from a field of seventeen contenders. Definitely encouraging is the increasing competition for the delegate slots at each successive National Convention. Colorado will have a total of 20 voting delegates at LP/10 — three who are delegates automatically, plus the seventeen chosen in Fort Collins (one from each Congressional District, twelve at large).

The press was in evidence, too, with a large story in the Fort Collins newspaper, and one Denver TV station sending a camera crew up by helicopter to film floor action and interview John Mason for the evening news.

The new members of the CLP Board, as well as our National Convention delegates, are listed below.

New CLP Board Members

Chair: Ruth E. Bennett
Campaigns Director: Richard Cheek
Membership Director: Dan Boscia
Communications Director: Linda Kaiser
Finance Director: Craig Green
1st C.D. Rep: M. L. Hanson
2nd C.D. Rep: Lenda Jackson
3rd C.D. Rep: open
4th C.D. Rep: Cynthia Molson
5th C.D. Rep: Patrick L. Lilly

CLP Office by no later than July 24th. Direct all items (editorial copy and advertising material) to the attention of Colorado Liberty editor Dave Nolan.

AND SPEAKING OF THE CONVENTION . . .

We're looking for people who are willing to put up out-of-town Libertarians in their home during the National Convention, August 26-30. If you have a spare room, a sofa, or even some floor space you're willing to volunteer, call Ruth Bennett at the CLP Office (573-5229). We're also looking for people who would like to earn some money (and/or credit towards convention registrations) by providing child-care services at the convention. Again, contact Ruth.

CLP PICNIC — JULY 19th

Because of popular demand the C.L.P. is having a Fourth of July Picnic! However, due to time constraints it will be held on Sunday, July 19 at 1 p.m. It will be a bar-be-que in Washington Park. Five dollars will get you all the hot dogs and beer you want. Come and play volleyball, frisbee, or

Delegates to LP/10

Automatic (NatComm Members)

M. L. Hanson
John Mason
Dave Nolan

1st C.D.: Sally Mason
2nd C.D.: Paul Hodgson
3rd C.D.: Dick Crow
4th C.D.: Cathy Rupp
5th C.D.: Suzanne Conlon

At-Large

Ruth Bennett
Paul Grant
Patrick L. Lilly
Craig Green
Gale Norton
L. Neil Smith
Dan Boscia
Phil Prosser
Charles Jackson
Lenda Jackson
Linda Kaiser
Penn Pfiffner

Alternates

Paul Bilzi
David Wood
Vicki Frankenfield

from five to six short position papers per session. Cost of the course is \$4.00 per person to cover materials. Due to a limited number of position papers available enrollment in the course will be held to ten persons. If you are interested in the course please contact Craig Green at 795-1629.

EVERY YEAR IS AN ELECTION YEAR . . .

. . . And any election we can win, from Town Council on up is an asset to us. Across the state, many opportunities to advance our ideals of liberty and freedom will present themselves in city and county races. These races may seem unimportant, but when speaking to any group or organization, being an elected official gives you a certain credibility and prestige that you might not have as just another guest speaker. It could also be a springboard for upcoming "important" elections, to say nothing of the contacts you might make if elected.

If you are interested in getting an insider's look at how government functions (and have a reasonably strong stomach), this could be a good opportunity to get your feet wet. Check out the requirements and upcoming races with your City Clerk as they vary from city to city. If you decide to run, please drop a line to the office to let us know who you are and what office you plan to run for. Address it to: Richard Cheek, Elections Director, and he'll get in touch with you.

LIBERTARIAN APPOINTED TO PLANNING COMMITTEE

Phil Prosser of Park County has been appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Park County Master Plan. The appointment was made at the June 1 meeting of the County Commissioners. The committee will be developing a land use plan for Park County. Anyone interested in reaching Prosser may call him at 838-7693.

REGISTRATION REMINDER

Anyone even *remotely* interested in considering running for office as a Libertarian **MUST** be registered to vote as an independent for one year prior to filing for office. If you are not so registered please change your registration now! You may change your registration with the County Elections Department or County Clerk.

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Colorado Libertarian Party Constitution

As revised in Convention, 23 May, 1981

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the association shall be the Colorado Libertarian Party, hereinafter referred to as "the Party".

ARTICLE II PURPOSES

The purpose of the Party is to implement and give voice to libertarian principles, such as those in the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party, by:

- (a) nominating and running candidates for office in the state of Colorado,
- (b) promoting, chartering and co-ordinating Party affiliates throughout the state of Colorado, and
- (c) entering into political information and educational activities.

ARTICLE III PRINCIPLES

The Party shall take no positions inconsistent with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1

There shall be five Party Officers, as follows: a State Chair, a Campaigns Director, a Membership Director, a Communications and Education Director, and a Finance Director. The powers and duties of these five Officers shall be as specified herein and in the Party By-laws.

Section 2

The five Officers shall be elected by a majority of the Party members present and registered at the Annual Convention each year. Officers shall be elected individually, on separate ballots, in the order designated in Section 1 of this article and shall serve terms commencing immediately upon adjournment of the Annual Convention and ending at the close of the next Convention. No person not a member of the Party shall be eligible for elec-

ARTICLE VI CONVENTIONS

Section 1

The Party shall hold a Convention during the second quarter of each calendar year, at which time the Board of Directors as specified in Articles IV and V shall be elected, the Party Platform may be revised, and the Constitution and By-laws may be amended. At least forty-five days prior to Convention, the Board shall notify state members of the date and location of the Convention.

Section 2

In appropriate even-numbered years, the Convention shall nominate candidates for state-wide elected positions and U.S. Senator.

Section 3

In years when a Libertarian Party national convention is to be held, the State Convention shall elect delegates and alternates to the national convention in accordance with procedures set forth in the Party By-laws.

When the Party is notified by the national Libertarian Party of entitlement to national Libertarian Party committee and sub-committee delegates, the Chair shall cause their election according to procedures set forth in the By-laws.

Section 4

No registration fee may be required of any Party member in good standing to attend or vote at business sessions of any Party Convention, but reasonable charges may be made for printed materials and for activities which do not involve voting.

Section 5

The rules for each Convention shall be adopted by the Convention as its first order of business. The Board of Directors, or a committee appointed thereby, shall submit proposed rules for initial consideration. A simple majority of those members present shall be sufficient for adoption.

ARTICLE VII NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

- (a) nominating candidates for public office;
- (b) working to elect Libertarian candidates and promote Libertarian principles through political information and educational activities;
- (c) selecting representatives to appropriate Party activities.

Each affiliate so chartered shall declare, for the purposes of liaison between the Party and the chartered affiliate, an Affiliate Representative.

Section 2

Every organization so chartered shall ratify the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party.

Section 3

The Board of Directors shall have the power to revoke the affiliate status of any organization by a three-fourths vote of the current Board if said affiliate supports candidates, policies, or positions inconsistent with the National Party Statement of Principles or the State Party Platform.

Thirty days notice by certified mail shall be given to the District Representative and Affiliate Representative of the affected affiliate.

Section 4

Except as provided herein, the autonomy of the affiliates shall not be abridged by the Party.

ARTICLE IX MEMBERSHIP

The requirements and standards for membership in the Party shall be set forth in the Party By-laws.

ARTICLE X BY-LAWS

Section 1

The By-laws of the Party shall be approved by majority vote of the members in attendance at the Party's first Annual Convention.

Section 2

The By-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members in attendance at any subsequent Annual Convention.

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close of the next Convention. No person not a member of the Party shall be eligible for election. Any Officer may be suspended by vote of two-thirds of the current Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds vote of the current members, appoint new Officers if vacancies or suspensions occur, such Officers to serve until the next election by Convention or until suspension is revoked, whichever is applicable.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall consist of the five Party Officers and one District Representative from each U.S. Congressional District.

The State Chair, as chief Party Officer, shall preside at Board of Directors meetings.

Section 2

District Representatives shall be elected by a majority of Party members from that District in attendance at a District Caucus, to be held at the Party Annual Convention.

Any District Representative may be suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the Affiliate Representatives within that District. Affiliate Representatives may, by a vote of two-thirds of the Affiliate Representatives within that District, appoint a new District Representative should a vacancy or suspension occur, such District Representative to serve until the next election at Convention. Such actions shall be in accordance with procedures established herein.

Section 3

The Board of Directors shall have the control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with this Constitution and shall meet in the manner specified in the Party By-laws.

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WORK PARTIES SCHEDULED

The Colorado Libertarian Party is a group of volunteers working together to achieve liberty in our lifetimes. But in addition to achieving liberty there are some nitty-gritty things to be done along the way. Starting July 25 and every 4th Saturday thereafter there will be a Help the CLP Work Party. There are always a variety of tasks that need doing around the office and with lots of us helping out the job isn't too big to get done.

All kinds of things need to be done, so come on out on Saturday, July 25th at 10:00 a.m. and help your CLP.

ARTICLE VII NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Section 1

Nomination of candidates for offices requiring the vote of all the electors of the state shall be made by a majority vote of Party members present and voting at the Annual Convention, or by a committee designated thereby.

Section 2

Nomination of all other candidates shall be made by the Party affiliate or district caucus of Party members and affiliates representing the area or district in which the candidate must run in accordance with such procedures as the affiliate or district caucus may provide subject only to the requirements of Section 3 herein.

Section 3

All candidates for public office shall be members of the Party.

Section 4

In order to qualify for campaign assistance from the Party, any candidate for public office shall be endorsed by a majority of Party members at the State Convention, or by a committee designated thereby.

ARTICLE VIII RECOGNITION OF PARTY AFFILIATES

Section 1

The Board of Directors of the Party may charter as affiliates those organizations requesting such status to represent counties, or other geographical entities, if requested by affected members and approved by the Board of Directors.

Affiliates shall be chartered for, but not limited to, the following purposes:

IRS Agents, Cont. from page 1

countable to the people, not the government!

"The time has come to say *enough!* The Constitution is going to be restored as the supreme Law of this Republic; and government is going to be returned to its proper, limited role. Government has trod on too many toes. If it will not act to restrain its creations, then the people who created the government will.

"The unwarranted, unjustified, open attacks on ourselves and our community were to provoke violence; that is abundantly clear. We do not want violence or bloodshed. It should not be necessary in

vote of the members in attendance at any subsequent Annual Convention.

ARTICLE XI ADOPTION & AMENDMENTS

Section 1

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members in attendance at any Annual Convention.

Section 2

The Board of Directors shall appoint the Chair of the State Constitution and By-laws Committee and each affiliate shall elect delegates to the State Constitution and By-laws Committee as set forth in the Party By-laws.

ARTICLE XII PLATFORM

Section 1

The Party may adopt, by two-thirds vote of members in attendance, a Platform stating its position on all significant political issues at each Annual Convention. Any Platform plank, or the entire Platform, may be repealed by a simple majority of members in attendance at the Convention.

Section 2

The Board of Directors shall appoint the Chair of the State Platform Committee and each affiliate shall elect delegates to the State Platform Committee as set forth in the Party By-laws.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the preceding text represents the true and complete result of the business sessions devoted to revision of the Constitution of the Colorado Libertarian Party at the Party's 10th Annual Convention, 23 May, 1981.
Paul Hodgson

a rational society. Therefore, we will pursue our goals peacefully, as long as it is possible to do so. That is our heritage, and our desire. To that end, we dedicate 'our lives; our fortunes; and, our sacred honor'."

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As revised in Convention, 24 May, 1981

ARTICLE I PARTY AFFILIATES

Section 1

Organizations applying for charter as affiliates shall make such applications on a standard petition form as adopted by the Board of Directors. The petition shall include ratification of the Statement of Principles and shall be signed by no fewer than five (5) Party members.

Section 2

Affiliates shall make known to the Party the Affiliate Representative, to whose attention all party business shall be directed. Each affiliate shall select its Representative in a manner consistent with that affiliate's governing documents. Membership in the Party shall be a requirement of the Affiliate Representative.

ARTICLE II DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1

The State Chair shall be the chief executive officer of the Party, holding the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the Board of Directors. The State Chair may appoint such Party functionaries as a recording and corresponding secretary, an office manager, and an events chair.

Section 2

The Campaigns Director shall identify political races and co-ordinate candidate and issue development. The Campaigns Director shall be responsible for and co-ordinate all political campaigns of the Party. The Campaigns Director shall act as Chair in the temporary absence of the State Chair.

Section 3

The Membership Director shall be responsible for recruiting members, maintaining membership records and assisting in organizing Party affiliates and shall provide assistance in filling positions other than those of Officers.

ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall convene in open meeting at such times and places as may be determined by action of the Board, by call of the State Chair, or by written request of one-third or more of the members of the Board. A written notice, unless waived by all members of the Board, of the time and place of each meeting shall be mailed to each member not less than seven (7) days prior to said meeting.

Section 2

More than one-half of the current membership of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at all meetings for the transaction of business, except where a larger vote is required by the Constitution.

The Board of Directors shall not incur or authorize expenses without participation of the Finance Director or the State Chair.

Section 3

Suspensions of District Representatives by Affiliate Representatives shall take place at Party Board of Directors meetings. Thirty days notice of intention to initiate suspension shall be given by certified mail to all members of the Board.

Section 4

Appointments of District Representatives by Affiliate Representatives may take place either at Board of Directors meetings or by mail ballot. Such mail ballots shall be initiated by at least one quarter of the Affiliate Representatives within that District and shall be directed through the party Board of Directors. Voting shall conclude no later than thirty days after initial review of the mail ballot by the Board of Directors, and a two-thirds vote of those responding shall be required for election.

ARTICLE IV FINANCES AND ACCOUNTING

Section 1

The fiscal term of the Party shall end on the

Section 2

The Board shall solicit applications for the Chair of the Constitution and By-laws Committee and Platform Committee and set the appointment date for these positions by announcement to all Party members at least six months prior to the Annual Convention. The appointments shall be made at an open Board meeting held at least one month after the final solicitation but no later than four months prior to the Annual Convention.

Section 3

The Board shall solicit delegates from each chartered affiliate on the same schedule implemented by the Board pursuant to Section 2 above, and at its meeting for appointment of the Chairs of the committees it shall confirm such delegates as have been elected and certified by the Congressional District Caucus at that time. The committees shall then proceed with their business, and they shall accept such additional delegates as may later be elected and confirmed. The basis for a quorum on the committees shall be the number of delegates confirmed at the time.

Section 4

Committees shall submit their final reports to the Board for publication to the membership not later than six weeks prior to the Annual Convention. The Board shall notify the membership that these reports are available in their complete form to any Party member upon request, and the Board shall charge only the cost of reproduction and mailing. The Party Chair shall ensure that the committees' reports, and the reports of committee members submitted separately, are presented to the convention.

Section 5

Chairs of committees shall be responsible for completion and reproduction at Party expense of their final reports, and of interim documents for committee use; for scheduling of committee meetings; and for notifying the Board of vacancies. All committee meetings shall be open to Party members, who may request the committees' schedules from their respective Chairs.

tion shall cast a single vote for each delegate candidate of his or her choice. The total votes cast by each member shall not exceed the number of delegates to be selected. Delegates shall be elected by a simple majority of those voting. Subsequent ballots shall be taken as necessary to fill any remaining delegate positions. In the event that there are more candidates receiving a majority vote than there are delegate positions to be filled, those candidates receiving the highest vote totals shall be elected.

Section 5

After the delegates are elected, alternates may then be selected by a majority of those voting.

Section 6

The duly elected delegates shall immediately select a delegation chair and determine their own substitution procedures. Such substitutions shall be made without regard to Congressional District representation. A list of the delegates and alternates, and a description of the substitution procedures, shall be submitted to the State Chair and the National Secretary within seven (7) days.

Section 7

Representatives to National Party committees and sub-committees shall be elected by one of the following methods as is applicable:

(a) if the National Party committees are to be convened after the State Convention, the convention shall elect representatives in the same manner and immediately after the election of at-large national convention representatives;

(b) if the National Party committees are to be convened prior to the State Convention, the Chair shall call a caucus of all Affiliate Representatives at least one month prior to the National Party deadline, and they shall elect the committee representatives by majority vote of certified Affiliate Representatives.

ARTICLE VIII MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Applicants for membership in the Party shall make application on standard forms to be determined by the Board of Directors of the Party and shall pay such fees as may be deter-

izing Party affiliates and shall provide assistance in filling positions other than those of Officers.

Section 4

The Communications and Education Director shall be responsible for news media coordination, dissemination of information within and for the Party, developing membership education programs, Party position papers and publications, and operating a Speakers Bureau.

Section 5

The Finance Director shall be responsible for the budget and expenses associated with the operation of the Party, shall have the primary responsibility for fund raising and shall establish mechanisms and procedures for assisting other Directors in budget preparation. The Finance Director shall also be responsible for establishing and maintaining the Treasury and all Party monies collected and expended. The Finance Director shall act as or appoint a Party Treasurer who shall be responsible to the Finance Director. The Finance Director shall be accountable for the Treasurer's actions in an official Party capacity.

Section 6

Each Officer will be responsible for maintaining documentation within his or her area and will provide a written report to be passed on to the next Officer. He or she will not incur expenses beyond budget without approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 1

The fiscal term of the Party shall end on the last day of March.

Section 2

The Board of Directors shall cause an efficient double-entry system of accounts to be established and maintained.

ARTICLE V

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the Constitution or By-laws of the Party.

ARTICLE VI

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Section 1

There shall be ten delegates, excluding the Chair, to the Constitution and By-laws Committee and ten delegates, excluding the Chair, to the Platform Committee. The affiliates within each U.S. Congressional District shall jointly have a minimum of one delegate. The remaining delegates shall be apportioned to the affiliates with the largest Party membership. Each District Caucus or affiliate shall certify its delegates to the State Board in accordance with the schedule in Section 3 of this article.

cancies. All committee meetings shall be open to Party members, who may request the committees' schedules from their respective Chairs.

ARTICLE VII

ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Section 1

All delegates must be members of the State and National Parties.

Section 2

The Party Chair shall announce to the Convention body the number of delegates and the number to be selected by the Convention.

Section 3

Each Congressional District shall have one delegate, elected by District Caucus. The remaining delegate positions shall be open to nomination from the floor during the State Convention. Should a district not supply its delegate, nominations shall be taken from the floor to fill that position.

Section 4

Nominations for at-large delegate positions shall be received from the floor with no seconding required. Members may nominate themselves.

Each member in attendance at the Conven-

Applicants for membership in the Party shall make application on standard forms to be determined by the Board of Directors of the Party and shall pay such fees as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

Application shall be considered upon the applicant's signing a statement to the effect that he or she does not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

No membership in any other organization, including the national Libertarian Party, shall be required of any applicant for consideration for state Party membership.

Section 2

A semi-annual membership directory shall be made available to each member. Members who do not want their names included may so inform the Membership Director.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the By-laws shall be in accordance with the Constitution.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the preceding text represents the true and complete result of the business sessions devoted to revision of the By-laws of the Colorado Libertarian Party at the Party's 10th Annual Convention, 23 & 24 May, 1981.
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